



The Brave Brothers and the Castle of the Golden Sun

Once upon a time, in a land of enchantment, there lived three brothers and their mother, who was a powerful enchantress. She feared her sons would take her powers, so she transformed the eldest into a majestic eagle soaring high in the sky and the second into a mighty whale swimming in the deep sea. Both brothers were human for only two hours each day.

The youngest brother, fearing he might be turned into a wild beast, secretly set out on a brave quest. He heard of a bewitched princess trapped in the Castle of the Golden Sun, waiting for a hero to rescue her. Many had tried and failed, but the young brother's heart was fearless.

During his journey, he got lost in a vast forest and met two quarreling giants, fighting over a magical wishing-cap. The clever brother tricked them into giving him the cap, and with a wish, he found himself at the Castle of the Golden Sun!

Inside the castle, he discovered the princess, but she didn't look like the beauty everyone spoke of. She revealed that only in a mirror could her true, enchanting form be seen, cursed to hide from human eyes. The princess told the young hero that only by obtaining the crystal ball could her curse be lifted and her beauty restored.

The brave brother set off on his daring task. At the mountain's foot, he fought a ferocious bull, from which a fiery bird emerged, holding the crystal ball in a burning egg. Just then, his eagle brother swooped down, chasing the bird until it dropped the egg. Before the egg could destroy everything with its fiery blast, the whale brother created a massive wave to cool it, saving the crystal ball.

With the crystal ball, the young brother confronted the enchanter, breaking his evil spell. The castle was now his, and he could restore his brothers to their human forms. Upon returning to the princess, she was no longer under the curse and stood in all her radiant beauty. They exchanged rings in joy and love, uniting their destinies.

And so, the three brothers, once separated by enchantment, were reunited, and the kingdom of the Golden Sun flourished under their kind and brave rule.